Affliction of glass grinders with musculoskeletal disorders

1232. SHRI M. A. BABY:

SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that glass grinders in the country have been found to be suffering from a high incidence of musculoskeletal disorders; and

(b) if so, what preventive measures have been taken to arrest the ailment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No such cases of musculoskeletal disorders have been reported. Musculoskeletal disorders are not one of the diseases notifiable under Section 89 of the Factories Act, 1948. However, State Governments have framed rules to prevent risks to the health of the workers employed in glass factories under Section 87 of the Factories Act, 1948.

Import of foreign flag vessels for scrapping purposes

1233. SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to decanalise the import of foreign flag vessels for scrapping purposes;

(b) whether the Metal Scrap Trading Corporation (MSTC) had exclusive rights to import scrap vessels, so far;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that MSTC has failed to supply scrapships to the ship-breakers; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take against the MSTC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Due to high prices of scrap ships in the international market and their inadequate availability compared to previous years, MSTC was not able to import scrap ships to the extent required during 1987-88. A package of financial concessions, including reduction in customs duty, in the contribution to Ferrous Scrap Development Fund and in service charges to MSTC has been worked out to make scrap ships purchase more economical at currently prevailing prices. In view of the factors which resulted in scarcity of ships for breaking, no action against MSTC is proposed.

कृषि उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये नयी कार्य योजना

1234. **श्री रशीद मसूद :**
श्री सुब्रह्मण्यन स्वामी :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इस वर्ष कृषि के उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार ने एक नयी कार्य योजना क्रियान्वित करने का निर्णय लिया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस योजना के अन्तर्गत इस वर्ष और कितने क्षत्रफल में सिंचाई की सुविधा उपलब्ध कराये जाने की संभावना है ;

(ग) कितनी मात्रा में और किस प्रकार से प्रमाणित बीज एवं खाद किसानों को उपलब्ध कराये जाने का विचार है ; और

(घ) सरकार द्वारा किस-किस स्थान से कितना-कितना प्रमाणित बीज प्राप्त किया जायेगा ?

कृषि मंत्रालय और सहकारिता विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री श्याम लाल यादव) : (क) जी, हां ।